

REMARKS


Claims 5 and 9-16 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits. In response, each of these claims has been canceled.

Claim 1 stands objected to because of the following informalities: line 2 of claim 1, the term "the toner's" should be changed to – a toner's – because it's not been previously recited in the claim. Appropriate correction is required. In response, claim 1 is canceled.

Claim 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kowalski et al (US 6,226,474). In response, claims 1 – 16 are canceled and claims 1- 20 are added. As understood by Applicants, Kowalski does not teach or suggest during at least a portion of transport at least one strip in front of the heating element and one strip after the heating element or after the cooling element is in contact with the media. Support for the amendments is found on page 7, line 13, through page 9, line 18.

Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection and to pass the subject application to Allowance.

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